

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as shown in the clean-up copy below:

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1. (Thrice amended) A light-weight golf club shaft comprising, sequentially:
- a first angled layer;
 - a first straight layer formed on said first angled layer;
 - a second angled layer formed on said first straight layer;
 - a second straight layer formed on said second angled layer;
- said first angled layer, said first straight layer, said second angled layer, said second straight layer being arranged substantially concentrically about a central portion of said golf club shaft;
- said shaft having a length along a longitudinal direction;
 - each of said layers extend over said length of said shaft and include fiber-reinforced composite material, said fiber-reinforced composite material containing reinforcing fibers;
 - said first angled layer and said second angled layer each being formed by bonding a first layer and a second layer, said first layer having reinforcing fibers oriented at a first angle relative to an axial direction of said shaft and said second layer having reinforcing fibers oriented at a second opposite angle, relative to an axial direction of said shaft;
 - said reinforcing fibers of said second angled layer being oriented at an angle relative to said longitudinal direction of said shaft; and

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said second angled layer having at least one of said angle and a thickness effective to provide said shaft with a torsional strength of at least 120 kgf×m×degrees and a weight of from 30 to 40 g.

Pursuant to revised Rule 121 (37 CFR 1.121), a clean copy of claim 1, as amended, follows this response.

Please add the new claim as shown below:

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21. (New) A light-weight golf club shaft, said shaft having a length along a longitudinal direction, comprising:

a first angled layer;

a first straight layer formed on said first angled layer;

a second angled layer formed on said first straight layer;

a second straight layer formed on said second angled layer;

each of said layers extend over said length of said shaft and include fiber-reinforced composite material, said fiber-reinforced composite material containing reinforcing fibers;

said first angled layer and said second angled layer each being formed by bonding a first layer and a second layer, said first layer having reinforcing fibers oriented at a first angle relative to an axial direction of said shaft and said second layer having reinforcing fibers oriented at a second opposite angle, relative to an axial direction of said shaft;

said reinforcing fibers of said second angled layer oriented at an angle in a range of from 35 to 75 degrees relative to said longitudinal direction of said shaft;